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SOLDIER ON BIGAMY CHARGE

FORMER RAMSGATE MAN SENT FOR TRIAL

A former Ramsgate man, Gnr. James Robert Twyman, Royal Artillery, was committed for trial at the Kent Assizes by Dover magistrates last week.

Twyman was charged with bigamously marrying at Dover, on 3rd February, Susan Emily Shingleton, his wife, Ivy Alice Eccleston Twyman, to whom he was married on 10th July, 1937, being then alive.

Mr. S. R. H. Loxton, Town Clerk of Dover, prosecuted.

Mrs. Ivy Twyman, of Cemetery-road, Deal, said she was married to the defendant at St. Lawrence Church, Ramsgate, on 10th July, 1937. Afterwards they lived at 112 Grange-road, Ramsgate, and then at Sandwich and Deal. Her husband was in the Territorial Army and was called up in August, 1939, when they were living at Deal. There were two children, both boys, of the marriage, aged three years and 15 months.

Miss Susan Emily Shingleton, of Hamilton-road, Dover, said she was 33 and lived with her parents. She first met Twyman in August, 1940, when he was stationed at Dover, and in January, 1941, they became engaged.

Continuing, witness said that in May Twyman was transferred to the Orkney Islands. In a letter from him dated 10th June he asked her to put up the banns for their marriage as he could not do anything there. She went to the Register Office at River to arrange for the marriage at the Methodist Chapel. On the last Saturday in August Twyman came on leave and stayed at their house. They went through a form of marriage at the Methodist Chapel on 3rd September, 1941. They lived together at her mother's house until the end of his leave. He took the marriage certificate and her birth certificate with him to get the maintenance allowance, he said. As she did not get any allowance she wrote to the paymaster. She was expecting to become a mother.

D/C Haynes said he saw Twyman detained at H.M. Prison, Kirkwall, on 3rd February, and told him he would be taken to Dover. On 6th February at Dover he was charged with the offence but made no reply.

When Twyman was told that he would be committed for trial he said he had nothing to say except that he wanted to allow Miss Shingleton 10s. a week.

TOP OF THE BILL

BRITISH STAGE STARS TO VISIT RAMSGATE

Ramsgate Warship Week should benefit considerably as a result of the good work which has now been carried on for many months by the Mayor's Troopers Concert Party.

In fair weather and foul the concert party, of which the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) is compere and comedian, have visited lonely camp sites in all parts of the district to entertain the troops.

Now, thanks to the initiative of the Mayor's secretary (Mrs. D. Peete), three of Britain's most famous stars of stage, screen and radio are to take part in the Warship Week show to be presented by the Troopers at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on 17th March.

They are Gordon Harker, Stanley Holloway and Binnie Hale.

These three stars, each of whom commands salaries considerably in excess of those paid to the Brains Trust for their broadcast sessions, are giving their services voluntarily in acknowledgment of the good work being carried on by the Troopers.

The Mayor has undertaken the responsibility for the entertainment programme for Ramsgate's Warship Week and he is putting into it his customary vigour.

A CHALLENGE TO THANET

TO REPLACE H.M.S. THANET

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IN STYGIAN GLOOM

CURATE'S VOYAGE IN CONVOY

The Rev. W. A. Cross, who was in East Africa as chaplain to British settlers in Tanganyika before he became curate at Christ Church, Ramsgate, in 1939, is again in the Middle East as a chaplain to the Forces.

In the current issue of Christ Church Magazine, describing his latest voyage, he writes, under the heading "Moonlight Soliloquy":

How different is this trip in comparison with peace-time travelling! Then, as darkness fell, lights would come on, and the ship would be like a fairy palace riding on celestial waters. Now, no light must be shown, no cigarettes may glimmer, every port-hole must be closed, and we become like a barque driving its way through Stygian gloom.

On moonlight nights it is safe to venture on deck without fear of falling over chairs and beds. Then the dark hulls of the ships stand out and the convoy becomes a miniature fleet, proudly steaming to its destination. There it will release thousands of men to reinforce those already there.

Why are we going? And when we return will our children echo the poet's words:

"Now tell us all about the war,
And what they fought each other for."

What shall be our answer? The peaceful moonlit night breathes it to me. It is that our loved ones, parents, wives and children may have their rightful heritage. That the aged should have undisturbed rest in their declining years; that free from worry about the "bread-winner" our wives may bring our children into the world; that those children may have a childhood from which bombs, evacuation and separation are far removed. In a word, we fight for our home, which for every Englishman is a veritable castle.

So onward we go, hoping that victory may soon be ours—and hoping, too, that we shall be among those spared to return to home and loved ones. But should that not be granted to us, we will pray for courage to be steadfast to the end; and that being called to "higher service" we may leave behind the inspiration of duty "well done."

JANUARY GIFTS

TO RAMSGATE HOSPITAL

The sum of a guinea from Mr. W. J. Jordan, High Commissioner for New Zealand, who is a native of Ramsgate, was included among the January donations to Ramsgate General Hospital.

Other donations were £5 5s. from an R.A.F. Station, 10s. each from Miss Edith Allnutt and Miss S. P. Oldrieve and 5s. from Mrs. J. W. Chapman.

Box collections were £1 18s. 7d. from the hospital and £1 3s. 7d. from Mrs. J. Solly, of Ann's-road.

The Ramsgate section of the Thanet Hospitals' Contributory Scheme contributed £35 12s. 6d. and from the Kent Mineworkers' Association £25 9s. 8d. was received in respect of the Chislet branch £5 1s. 6d. in respect of the Snowdown branch and £4 14s. 9d. in respect of the Betteshanger branch.

Gifts in kind included cakes, calendars, children's clothing, magazines, newspapers, novels, periodicals, scrapbooks, tinfoil and waste paper.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 6.47 p.m.—7.40 a.m.
Wednesday	. 6.48 p.m.—7.39 a.m.
Thursday	... 6.50 p.m.—7.37 a.m.
Friday	... 6.52 p.m.—7.35 a.m.
Saturday	... 6.54 p.m.—7.33 a.m.
Sunday	... 6.55 p.m.—7.30 a.m.
Monday	... 6.57 p.m.—7.28 a.m.

WAR DAMAGE ACT

CAPT. BALFOUR OUTLINES FURTHER RELIEF

A further measure of relief which will be welcomed by the business people of Thanet who have suffered loss through the effects of the war has been made known by Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, Under-Secretary of State for Air.

The information was given in the following letter from Capt. Balfour to Mr. E. F. Owen, Clerk to Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District Council:

Dear Mr. Owen,

You will remember that we have had correspondence about the difficulties of property-owners in Thanet who are unable to pay the premiums laid down by the Business Scheme of Part II of the War Damage Act.

As you will be aware, some relief has been afforded to property-owners under Part I of the Act. The Board of Trade has now been able to make an arrangement in respect of Part II of the Act designed to assist in some part those whose business has been entirely, or almost entirely, closed as a result of the war, in obtaining compensation in respect of their business equipment without having paid the premiums. Where the business was that of holiday catering or letting accommodation, "business equipment" includes furniture but not the premises themselves.

In order to obtain compensation, it will be necessary for owners to satisfy the Board of Trade that they had been unable to insure under the Business Scheme and that this inability is attributable to war circumstances. It will also be necessary for them to show that no other person who had a financial interest in the equipment and who, in the Board's opinion, might reasonably have been called upon to pay the premium, was in fact able to do so.

This arrangement applies in general only to persons who are insurable under the Business Scheme on a voluntary basis, which, as you know, includes those whose business equipment is situated in Thanet. In cases, however, where a Scheme of Arrangement or a Liabilities Adjustment Order has been made at or before the time of damage, the arrangements will apply whether the owner is insurable on either a voluntary or a compulsory basis. In such a case, the existence of the scheme or order will be taken as evidence of the owner's inability to pay the premium for reasons arising from the war.

Application should not be made to the Board for compensation under these arrangements until the business equipment has actually suffered war damage within the meaning of the Act. An explanatory memorandum and application form, setting out the position in greater detail, can be obtained from The Insurance and Companies Department, Board of Trade, Romney House East, Tufton-street, London, S.W.1.

I hope the concession now granted will give some measure of relief to a good many of my constituents who have suffered loss through the effects of the war.

Yours sincerely,
HAROLD BALFOUR.

DEATH OF MRS. KATE HELM

The deepest sympathy will be extended to Miss I. E. Helm, M.A., headmistress of Clarendon House County School for Girls, Ramsgate, now evacuated to Stafford, in the loss she has sustained by the death on Wednesday of her mother, Mrs. Kate Helm.

Mrs. Helm, who formerly lived at St. Vincent, Luton-avenue, Broadstairs, had a great affection for Clarendon House and her generosity towards the school was greatly appreciated by all associated with it.

The funeral took place privately by cremation.

INTELLIGENT ANTICIPATION

MOTORIST NAMED FINE IN ADVANCE

"I expect this will cost me a couple of pounds," said Walter Sydney Young, fruiterer, of Vale-road, Ramsgate, when told by a police officer that he would be reoprted for having failed to immobilise his car on 7th February.

Two pounds was the amount of the fine imposed on Young when he was summoned for the offence at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

W/R Ironside said he saw defendant's saloon motor car parked in Lawn-road at 7.30 p.m. on 7th February. The nearside door was unlocked, the ignition key was in position and the rotor arm had not been removed. Witness made enquiries and later defendant came to the car. Defendant stated that a quarter of an hour previously he went to the car, switched on the lights, and then locked the doors. He said the lock must have been defective but witness tried the lock and it was in order. Defendant said "I suppose it will mean another couple of pounds."

Defendant denied that he said it would cost him "another" couple of pounds as he had never before been fined. He did mention the sum of £2.

Young told the magistrates that since the incident the lock had again failed and he had given an order for its repair. He was not more than ten yards from the car for he was at the back of the shop locking the doors. The car was under his observation all the time.

Re-called, W/R Ironside said it was 20 minutes between the time when he first saw the car and defendant arrived on the spot.

Asked if there were any previous convictions against defendant, Chief Inspr. Butcher said he was fined 10s. at Ramsgate on 19th January, 1939, for failing to conform with a traffic sign.

Announcing the decision of the bench, the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said: "Evidently you have a good idea what the fine will be. You will be fined £2."

"I doubt if people living inland have ever realised that since the war began the men of the mercantile marine have been in daily peril of their lives. Waste, while wicked in itself, is trebly wicked when it is a waste of men's lives."—Mr. Chuter Ede, M.P.

ELECTRICITY CHARGES

THANET PEOPLE PROTECTED

The Isle of Thanet Electric Supply Co. Ltd., which serves the Margate and Broadstairs areas, has been refused permission further to increase their charges for current.

The Electricity Commissioners, to whom application to increase the charges was made, state that the Board of Trade considered that the proposed increase would represent an undue burden on the consumers remaining in the area, and that the statutory maximum price should not therefore be increased.

At a meeting of Margate Council in September it was reported that the company had made application to the Electricity Commissioners for consent further to increase their charge from 33⅓ per cent. to 50 per cent. above the basic pre-war tariffs.

On the recommendation of Council in committee it was decided to oppose the application and make further representations that any deficiency caused by special conditions should be borne out of Government funds and not provided by any increase in the present tariffs.

The company's application to the Electricity Commissioners stated: "I desire to stress the point that in making this application my board are under no illusion that, if granted, it would enable them to maintain profits of which they see no possibility while the war continues. Their sole purpose in seeking the increase at the present time is to enable the company as far as possible to meet its obligatory and standing charges."

CHAIN LETTER RACKETEERS

Lord Kindersley has issued a statement condemning chain letters which claim to support the war effort by means of savings stamps.

"This chain letter scheme," says Lord Kindersley, "has no connection whatever with the war savings campaign. Moreover, it is of doubtful legality. While it would not, of course, be practicable or desirable to prosecute those who innocently participate, it should be brought to their notice that they are taking part in a scheme which is calculated to benefit only the originators of that scheme.

"No words can be too harsh for those who set this racket going in the first instance. One can class them with the black marketeers and other human vermin who are to-day exploiting the public in so many directions.

"Anybody receiving one of these chain letters should immediately consign it to the waste paper basket."

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE

CLERICAL ASSISTANTS
(Male or Female)

APPLICATIONS are invited from persons with office experience for appointments in the Borough Treasurer's Department. Appointments will be of a temporary nature but will probably last for the duration of hostilities. Full particulars, stating salary required, to be sent me by not later than Wednesday, 25th February, 1942.

H. OLIVER JONES
Borough Treasurer.

Clarendon House,
Ramsgate.

CONSIDERATE POLICEMAN

LIGHT IN THE BLACK-OUT

Mrs. Daisy Ovenden, of Dundonald-road, Ramsgate, went out to post a letter on the evening of 1st February.

When she returned she found a policeman knocking at the door and a light shining from the fanlight.

For permitting the light to show, Mrs. Ovenden was fined £1 at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

W/R Cant said he saw the light at 7.15 p.m. Black-out curtains had been provided for the window but they had not been drawn. He knocked but got no answer, and then went to the back of the house and knocked. As he did not wish to cause unnecessary damage to the property by breaking in he examined the window catches and found them all fastened. He gave one "good hearty bang on the door" when defendant came along the road and herself noticed the light. She said she thought she had put the light out before going out.

Defendant told the magistrates she blacked-out the rest of the house and switched on the light in the hall to stick a stamp on a letter. She must have forgotten to switch off the light.

HELP AFTER THE RAID

The Minister of Health, Mr. Ernest Brown, in a foreword to a new sixpenny booklet on "The Care of the Homeless," issued by the Ministry to members and officers of local authorities and voluntary workers, says:

"This service of help after air raids has grown into a very powerful organisation. It commands the devotion of tens of thousands of workers throughout the country. They are doing great work. I have seen them in action in many areas, and in many different circumstances; and I have been deeply moved by the qualities of heart and mind they bring to the job.

"There is no telling in advance, however, where the bombs will drop, or what disruptive effects they will have on the individual, his home, or the services on which he relies. This service has to be prepared for anything.

"That is the main practical lesson of all the bombing of our towns—preparation in advance; prepare and test; adjust and test again. As this booklet points out, preparations can never be regarded as perfect and complete.

"I commend this booklet to councillors, officers voluntary workers, and all who work in the good cause of helping their neighbours during and after enemy air raids."

RISE IN SAVINGS

Margate savings rose sharply during January.

The total for the month was £18.919 5s., compared with £8,873 in December.

Only twice before had higher totals been reached—in May, which included War Weapons Week, and in July.

The January figures included £8.242 net increase in Post Office Savings Bank deposits £4.812 5s. Savings Certificates, £4,615 Defence Bonds, and £1.000 2½ per cent. War Bonds.

THE BRITISH LEGION

POST-WAR PROBLEMS

Covering the year ended 30th September, 1941, the 21st annual report of the British Legion, just published in booklet form, deals with the part played by the organisation in helping to maintain the morale of the country and assisting families who were constantly in difficulties and distress arising from enemy action.

"During the first few months of the year," states the National Executive Council, "despite the very considerable strain which was placed upon it, the Legion was able to maintain its prestige, its position and its work, thereby assuring itself—if assurance were needed—of a prominent and permanent place in the life of the country. Happily, towards the latter part of the year the strain was not so great, although the demand upon the time of members of the Legion and its officials in the various forms of national service was unceasing and meant that they maintained the work of our organisation under great difficulties and under increasing pressure. The Council desires to place on record an acknowledgment of the debt which the Legion owes to local officials throughout the whole of the country for their devotion to the Legion during this difficult year.

"In spite of pre-occupation with other pressing problems which of necessity arise, the Council have maintained, through its Planning Committee, its study and consideration of the problem of demobilisation and rehabilitation of the men and women now serving, and during the year under review, considerable progress was made by the Planning Committee in regard to a number of important aspects of these problems.

Resettlement and Rehabilitation.

"On the subject of vital importance to the future of the Legion, that of membership, the Planning Committee were at the close of the year well within view of issuing an interim report. The position in regard to the problem of disabled men had also been very fully considered, and at the time of going to press it is anticipated that an interim report on these subjects will be shortly circulated to the Legion. It cannot be hoped that the Planning Committee will complete its deliberations even during 1941-1942, more especially as it is essential, with the increasing difficulties of the country, to recognise that the problem of ex-Service men is only part of the greater problem of resettlement and rehabilitation which will arise at the close of hostilities.

"If the Legion is to play its part in the solution of the general problem and to serve ex-Service men and women as it should, it must put forward a statesmanlike policy which will bear examination not only from the point of view of their interests but also from the point of view of the country as a whole. The Council recognises that to frame such a policy needs consideration which of necessity will be prolonged."

The Legion Village.

Describing the year's activities at Preston Hall, the British Legion village in Kent, the report points out that the greatest problem has been to preserve the balance between the medical and industrial aspects of the work.

With orders for the industries being received at a rate which overshadowed anything known in peace-time, it was tempting to enlarge and expand the workshops and engage more outside employees but the temptation was resisted, it being felt that if the village settlement conception were to remain there must be a limit to the number of outside people employed in the industries, which were adjusted to the needs of the tubercular patients.

The old problem of finding markets for the goods had disappeared and the present difficulty had been to find the goods for the markets due to the shortage of raw material and labour.

The total turnover for all departments during the year was £150.000 and the wages paid totalled £26,764. The total population of the village on 30th September, including staff, patients etc., was 1,038, while the actual number of settlers and their dependents was 443.

Another major point had been to preserve the link between the sanatorium and the general hospital established at the beginning of the war by the Ministry of Health. This association—something new in medical organisation in this country—had been maintained and proved that there was nothing incompatible in such a relationship.

At the sanatorium 368 patients were admitted and 353 discharged, of whom 56 per cent. were discharged as quiescent or improved and fit for some form of work.

With regard to the E.M.S. hospital a total of 2.964 patients were admitted during the year, of whom 2.464 were Service cases and 500 civilians and there had also been 2.607 out-patient attendances. Altogether 1.0?? operations were performed and 5.6?? X-ray films taken.

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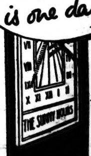
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TORPEDOED HARBOUR

GERMAN ATTEMPT THAT FAILED

An abortive attempt by the Germans to blow up the dock gates at Ramsgate during the last war is recalled in the current issue of "Shipbuilding and Shipping Record," which states:

The Germans have been making such use of torpedo dropping aircraft in this war that it is rather surprising to find that the general opinion is that it is a new idea of theirs. The original idea was, of course, worked out by Murray Sueter in this country and Bradley Fiske in the United States, working quite independently, but the Germans tried it during the last war, although they did not make much of it.

Encouraged by the British torpedo dropping planes during the Dardanelles expedition, when three enemy ships were sunk, they tried the same thing in 1917 but were soon discouraged. In May, 1917, the steamer Gena was sunk, but she brought down the attacking plane with her gun. Next month the steamer Kanakee went but in July the Haslingen, attacked by four planes, was completely missed and two of the attackers were captured. The sinking of the steamer Storm in September finished the expensive experiment, but another torpedo plane tried to blow up the dock gates of Ramsgate Harbour, used as a minesweeper and patrol base, with a torpedo which stranded on a mud-bank and remained there harmless. After that the Germans gave it up but they discussed the matter a good deal in their technical press between the two wars.

UTMOST ECONOMY

AUDITOR'S HIGH PRAISE

In his report on the audit of the accounts of Margate Corporation for the year ended 31st March last, the District Auditor, Mr. E. H. V. Weigall, states that it is neither desirable nor necessary to submit details of the borough's financial position as these are continually supplied to the Minister of Health in connection with the assistance afforded by the Government from time to time to make up deficiencies arising from loss of revenue consequent upon war conditions.

"The audit," he writes, "has been directed to satisfying myself that the utmost economy is being effected in expenditure and that essential safeguards are being maintained to ensure that all income possible is received and duly accounted for.

"It is a pleasure to record that no criticism, in my opinion, can be directed on this score and, having regard to the difficulties under which the Council and its officials are carrying out their functions the ratepayers can rest assured that the interests of the borough are being protected in a whole-hearted manner by all concerned."

MR. W. J. SIMPSON

FUNERAL AT ST. PETER'S

Formerly in business in the town as a builder, Mr. Walter John Simpson, of 42 Upton-road, St. Peter's, who passed away at the age of 88 years at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. Golding, of 19 Edge End-road, Broadstairs, was buried at St. Peter's last week.

A member of the Baptist Church for more than 50 years, Mr. Simpson regularly attended Salem Church, St. Peter's, before it closed. He leaves four daughters and a son.

Prior to the interment a service at Queen's-road Baptist Church was conducted by the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie. Mr. Mackenzie said he had known Mr. Simpson for more than 50 years and could testify to his upright unobtrusive goodness.

Mourners at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. W. West (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. V. Simpson (son), and Miss G. Simpson, Mrs. H. Golding and Mrs. G. Dixon (daughters).

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH WOOLF

The funeral took place at Willesden Cemetery last week of Mr. Joseph Woolf, who passed away at his home, Rubydene, Avenue-gardens, Cliftonville, at the age of 72.

Mr. Woolf, who came to Margate 12 years ago, was formerly in business as a commission agent. He was a keen amateur billiards player and a member of the Victoria Club, London. He was also a member of Margate Bowling Club.

Mr. Woolf leaves a widow, one son and two daughters. One of his daughters, Acwm. E. Woolf, is serving with the W.A.A.F.

LT. JESTON A PRISONER

News has been received that Lt. Dennis Jeston, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jeston, of Grenham House School, Birchington, evacuated to Whatstandwell, Derbyshire, is a prisoner of war.

Lt. Jeston was reported missing since 15th December while serving with The Buffs in the Middle East. It is thought he took part in the action at Gazala when The Buffs fighting against great odds, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. It was reported that the colonel and adjutant of the regiment were taken prisoner.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

CAMOUFLAGED

By JOHN CREASEY

Two men, one called Long Harry because of his wriggly and perpetually red nose, and the other The Ape because of his remarkable facial resemblance to primeval man, slipped out of the private saloon of the Pot Red Billiard Room and slouched across the big general hall, totally oblivious of the stench of stale tobacco and overworked air. Probably three dozen people—mostly playing on the sixteen tables—watched the progress of the proprietor—The Ape—with partly furtive and partly amused interest. They'd got a laugh on him, but they could never tell when he would turn it against them.

The clientele of the Pot Red Club consisted mostly of old lags and wont-workers. They had arrived that morning to find that Sniffy Steel, the general room attendant and cashier, had failed to arrive; consequently most of them were playing for nothing, and they were enjoying the novelty.

Both The Ape and Long Harry had the ex-convict's art of talking from the side of the mouth without being observed or overheard. They took advantage of it, surveying the grey room and giving each occupant a sharp scrutiny.

"I don't want a regular," said The Ape. "They're too slippery—like Sniffy."

Long Harry felt uncomfortable. He didn't know yet what had happened to Sniffy Steel, but he could guess.

"Up ter you," he acknowledged.

"What about the kid at the door?" demanded The Ape. "Know him?"

Long Harry scrutinised the kid without seeming to look at him. He was short, pallid-faced, weary-eyed and hungry-looking. A dirty choker was knotted tightly round his neck to keep out the freezing outside air—he had only just pushed through the door—and his hands were thrust deep into torn pockets.

"Welshy Garner," said Long Harry finally. "A bit skinnier than before he went to Dartmoor for the Karloff Jewel job. 'E's been out abart a week wiv remission marks—I read it in the piper, Sunday."

"He'll do," muttered The Ape, and lounged across the room, manœuvring to approach the stranger from behind. A yard away he stretched out a short, bared, hairy arm and clapped the youngster heavily on the shoulder.

"Say!"

The youth jumped round like a hare, his eyes filled with a dread which made the corners of The Ape's mouth turn down; men didn't jump like that unless they had something to be scared of.

"Reckon you've been up ter somefing," grinned The Ape, slipping into the vernacular. "Wot yer doin' 'ere Welshy?"

"Ain't a privit club, is it?" demanded the other, swallowing hard. "An' who are you calling 'Welshy'? I ain't done——"

"Nothin'," snorted The Ape, grinning wickedly. "O' course you ain't, stranger. Say—know billiards and snooker, and 'ow to reckon up L.S.D.?"

"Like a book."

"Ump! Want a job?"

A flash of hope sprang into the younger man's eyes, and he clutched The Ape's arm tightly.

"You ain't kidding?"

"No, sir!" asserted The Ape. "Orl you gotta do's ter check up these cissies. Collect the cash an' bring it ter me office ev'ry two hours. Long Harry'll put yer on to it. It's reg-lar, if you don't try no fancy tricks. Ten per cent. on the tikings is your share. Don't talk ter no one, and git yer coat orf. And say——" he leaned forward, scowling ferociously as he finished—"don't come to me between seven and nine o'clock ter-night. Not fer anythin' in the world. Now scram!"

Twenty minutes later Long Harry sidled into the private room, grinning unseen at the proprietor, who was doing queer things with a set of snooker balls. The Ape swung round as the door clicked.

"Damn you!" His face was livid.

"Steady up," leered Long Harry. "Anybody'd think you'd been doin' wot you didn't oughta."

"Shut your trap," snarled The Ape biting on his rage. "I told you before about creeping in like that."

"Sure," agreed Long Harry affably. "Sorry, Boss. Say. I lined up Welshy O.K. 'E's smart."

In the River.

For some reason he stared at the thick, hairy fingers of his chief, and went suddenly cold inside. He wished The Ape would keep off capital jobs. Proper heart-breaking it was, working for him, but he was the goods when the cash came about! Oh, he knew where to pinch the stuff and how to keep it until the police were off the trail. Then he could sell for a higher price, and that was more than ninety-nine jewel thieves out of a hundred could manage. That was all right—but it was the non-appearance of Sniffy Steel which worried Long Harry.

He put a leading question.

"Sniffy's in the river," answered The Ape, and he might have been talking about a piece of orange peel. "He learned too much, Harry, so he went."

"Dead?" whispered Long Harry hoarsely, and his face went white.

"Yup! And don't you worry! I followed him when he left here, and choked him off after he'd been home. Nothing to connect it with us, an' it'll look like suicide."

Long Harry rubbed his nose with a dirty handkerchief. He was trembling but doing his best to conceal the fact. The Ape was a devil—heartless, callous, cold-blooded—and he hated working with men with queasy stomachs.

"What about the other stuff?" Long Harry asked uneasily, changing the topic.

"The Sheeny's comin' to-night. He'll buy it all right, curse him, but he'll name his own price this time. Still, we ain't too flush an' we'll have ter get rid of it quick."

"'Ow much'll I git?" demanded Long Harry, cupidity overcoming his qualms. "Usual?"

"Yup," grunted The Ape. "One fourth, an' it's more than you oughta git, Long Harry. Nearly got us copped on the Sparlitz job, curse you!"

Long Harry neither agreed nor disagreed, but he knew that it was true.

The Ape and Long Harry were a team, and a clever team of jewel thieves. Long Harry had the slickest fingers in London for opening safes, and The Ape's genius for arranging a haul and hiding it until it was moderately safe to sell, was unbeatable. He was certainly worth his three-quarters of the proceeds.

But on the night of the Sparlitz robbery three weeks before, Long Harry had been crazy enough to take off his rubber gloves before getting out of the window. The fact that he'd jabbed through the palm with a projecting nail and slipped it off to make sure that none of the resin inside worked into the wound mattered nothing to The Ape. It had meant a journey back to Sir Julian Sparlitz's Berkshire mansion, where the robbery had taken place when the two thieves were already five hundred yards towards safety; for The Ape didn't take chances, and he went back to wipe out all possible finger-prints.

Another slip like that would mean the breaking of a partnership—and Long Harry shivered at the thought of The Ape's merciless fingers round his throat.

"What time's the Sheeny comin'?" he asked, after a pause. (The Sheeny was a Jew fence, a sound man, but one who wouldn't pay good prices; the value of the Sparlitz robbery would shrink to five or six hundred pounds.)

"Eight o'clock," answered The Ape. "He's coming the back way, and you'll be in the house to let him in. Usual game."

At half-past seven the long-nosed rogue passed through the still crowded, more stuffy general saloon, threw a word to the new attendant, who was more than earning his ten per cent., and inserted a key into the lock of the private saloon door. The Ape was fingering a set of snooker balls, and he looked round uglily.

"Late, aren't you?"

"Plenty o' time," sniffed Long Harry, pushing the door to.

The New Attendant's Mistake.

It banged against something, and there came a muttered ouch! of pain. Welshy Garner staggered forward, dropping a small wad of notes and a bag of silver as he clutched at the broken skin of his forehead.

The Ape swung round like a demon, his little eyes blazing murderously.

"What the 'ell are yer doing? Thought I told yer not ter come afore nine! Get out, you little rat, or I'll——"

Long Harry banged the door, cutting off the line of vision of a dozen interested onlookers at the tables. The new attendant, a streak of red blood coursing from his wound, cowered back against the wall, scared stiff by The Ape's outburst.

"Sorry, Boss," he muttered. "I thought Long Harry called me——"

"I don't pay you to think!" snarled The Ape. "Get out and do yer job!"

The younger man sidled towards the door which Long Harry held open, and crossed to his little office, dazed by the blow from the door. Fifty pairs of eyes stared curiously. Something was up with The Ape to-night. One man, older and more daring than the majority, poked his head into the cubby hole.

"Slip out and see a chemist, son. There's one over the road."

The attendant muttered thanks and took the advice, but refused the other's offer of company across the ill-lit main road.

At the same time as Welshy stepped into the chemist's shop, Long Harry was walking through a passage from the private room to a house owned by the Ape under the unembarrassing name of Reginald Smith: The passage was cunningly camouflaged, twisting and turning through a series of dilapidated wooden sheds running the length of the garden of the private house, which backed on the Pot Red Club premises. It was The Ape's custom to receive visitors such as Sheeny at the house and lead them through the bewildering maze of passages to the private saloon.

The Jew—Grostein—rang the bell promptly, and sidled through the door which Long Harry opened, as though afraid of his own shadow. Grostein wanted the Sparlitz diamonds very badly—he had a buyer at double the price The Ape would get—or he would never have risked the journey.

"He ith ready?" he lisped, refusing to remove hat or coat, and perching his bird-like head backwards.

"Sure thing, Boss," said Long Harry affably, and led the way through the passages. Several times crazy thoughts flashed into his head. Grostein had the cash with him—a thousand, as like as not. Long Harry would cheerfully have killed his own brother for a thousand, if he could have been sure of escaping the consequences. But certainty was impossible, and anyhow The Ape was twice as dangerous as the police. You didn't have a defending counsel with The Ape; he just got you with those fearful hands of his, and you choked—wheezed—gasped—gurgled—and your light went out. But gee! Some temptation! Anyhow, The Ape had played with the idea of coshing Grostein, but had turned it down; the Jew had a nasty habit of leaving information behind him if he failed to get home at a given hour.

Long Harry had already warned The Ape of their approach by means of a bell-push cunningly hidden in the wall of the house. The Ape always wanted this warning, in order to clear up all traces of the hiding places for the gems. It wasn't safe to let even Grostein know where they were hidden. The hiding places were the high water marks of The Ape's success.

The connecting door was ajar. Long Harry pushed it further open and let the Sheeny go into the room.

On the green baize of the billiard table was a small heap of diamonds, scintillating, flaming marvels each little facet glittering with molten fire. Grostein's greedy little eyes blazed as he pounced on them.

"Steady up," warned The Ape. "Price first."

Grostein remembered he was buying, not selling, and lost his enthusiasm.

"Vell—let me thee them firtht, Mithter. Pothibly they are not all there——"

"They're there all right," growled The Ape. "I——what the hell?"

He broke off, his face distorted in fury. There was commotion outside, in the main hall. Someone hammered against the door, and from the back of the hall came a warning cry.

"The cops!"

Livid with rage, The Ape grabbed the shimmering heap of stones, cramming them desperately into the hiding places which he had chosen in a moment of inspiration. Long Harry and the Jew leapt towards the door leading to the private house as The Ape tumbled a dozen snooker balls on to the table and grabbed a cue. Only the tail of Grostein's coat was visible as the outer door crashed in, shivering on its hinges for a second before falling.

"Put 'em up," snapped the plain-clothes man on the threshold. "It's no use, Long Harry—nor you, Grostein."

Surrounded.

Grostein would have scuttled down the passage but Long Harry's nose seemed to smell the shroudy figures twenty yards ahead. The police had discovered the secret passage; the trap was complete.

Long Harry gripped the Jew's flabby arm until it hurt.

"You keep quiet," he snapped. "The Ape'll fix it."

The Ape was relying on this support from Long Harry, although he didn't take his eyes off the familiar face of Detective Inspector O'Neill. There was just a chance of bluffing. His ugly face split into an expansive grin.

"Say, what's the stunt, O'Neill? Breaking in on a nice little game of snooker?"

"First time I've seen Grostein play snooker," smiled O'Neill. "Drop it, Ape. We've searched your place a dozen times and we haven't found the goods, and we haven't found anything worth catching. But we're on a winner this time."

The Ape looked uneasy, but called up a reserve of nonchalance.

"You're all to bits, O'Neill. You've got me wrong, boy. There ain't nothing on me. Mr. Grostein and me were just having a little game o' snooker."

"That's why he showed his heels," smiled O'Neill, picking up a snooker ball and tossing it carelessly. He looked at Grostein, whose oily face was greasier than ever, and whose little eyes darted to and fro. Long Harry was gulping; it was the tightest corner he'd known.

The Ape eyed O'Neill with growing uneasiness. His eyes seemed rivetted to the inspector's carelessly playing hands. He took an involuntary step forward.

"What you waiting for, O'Neill? You ain't got nothin' on me——"

"No?" murmured O'Neill, straining his ears for something which The Ape tried desperately to guess at. It came at last; the quiet voice of a man entering the main hall.

"Well," snapped O'Neill suddenly. "You've got it all wrong, Ape. We've got you for the Sparlitz job and for the murder of Steel!"

The Ape's answer came oddly. He was whiter than Long Harry had ever seen him.

"Ses you! Now listen, O'Neill, you can't put the Sparlitz job on me. If you can find them sparklers you're a magician. I'm honest, now. This billiard hall——"

He broke off, staring goggle-eyed at the door. A short man, poorly dressed and with a patch of plaster on his forehead stepped into the private room his thin face set in a grim smile.

Welshy Garner!

"This show-down," he said, "is a hang out for you and a hiding-place for stolen jewels, Ape. We've known it for a long time—Inspector O'Neill's known it—and they put me on the job to find where you kept 'em. I've hung about the place for a week. I followed you last night, and you beat me down by the river, but I know you were the last man to see Sniffy Steel alive; there's evidence enough to hang you!"

"See here," broke in The Ape, shifting his feet a trifle. "You've got me all——"

He leapt suddenly, ferociously, flinging his gross weight at the detective. But "Welshy Garner" dodged neatly, and O'Neill's right fist shot out like a ramrod. The Ape took the blow on the point and sagged, grunting. In a trice three plain-clothes men with O'Neill had all three rogues handcuffed.

"Welshy Garner"— or more accurately Detective Inspector Martin Keen—picked up a snooker ball and held it a yard above the table. The Ape's bloodshot eyes were dull.

"You killed Sniffy Steel," said Keen grimly, "but before long you'll wish you'd killed Long Harry. You didn't get rid of all the finger-prints at Sparlitz' House, Ape. We knew the same night that it was your job, and Harry's, but we wanted to find where you kept the stuff. And we found it!"

As he spoke he dropped the snooker ball. It hit the table with a dull thump, and gradually fell in two in front of their eyes! Keen's fingers played with the flaming diamond that fell out on the green baize.

"Very neat, Ape. You ran a billiard hall and kept a dozen spoof sets of balls. They fit perfectly, don't they? But they hold the stuff! I saw that when I broke in after Long Harry to-night, and it was all I wanted to know."

He looked past the glowering Ape to Long Harry, and his lips curled upwards.

"Very much like Welshy Garner, aren't I, Harry? He's still in Dartmoor. The notice of his release was spoof, like your billiard balls. He didn't get remission marks. Pity, wasn't it?"

THE END

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

LOOTING CHARGES

TWO YOUNG SOLDIERS SENT TO ASSIZES

Two soldiers were committed for trial at Kent Assizes by Margate magistrates on Wednesday on a series of charges which included looting.

Charles Alexander Price, 21, who admitted breaking and entering 5 Norfolk-road, where he stole a variety of articles including 13 handkerchiefs, two petrol lighters, a bottle of flints, two towels, a metal dog on chain and a needle case, value £2 6s. 8d., the property of Mrs. Amy Gardner, between 1st December and 8th January, was also charged with breaking and entering Rancliffe Court, Queen's-parade, between 1st September and 20th October, and stealing a small brush, value 1s., the property of Miss Hilda Richards. In connection with the Rancliffe Court offence, Price was further charged with looting in an area subject to enemy attack.

Daniel George Lewis, 21, appeared on three charges of breaking and entering and three of looting.

It was alleged that between 1st September and 20th October he stole a fur coat and a quantity of cutlery, the property of Miss Richards, from Rancliffe Court, and that between 9th November and 4th February he stole two blankets, the property of Mrs. Annie Jane Furborough, from Tyrone, Sweyn-road, and three sheets, three pillow cases and two towels, the property of Jacob Cherkin, from Albert House, Sweyn-road.

All the premises concerned had been evacuated by the occupants in 1940.

Fingerprint Clues.

Evidence in the case against Price revealed that when various articles were found in his kit on 8th January he said to D/C Tinson "I brought the two towels from home when I returned from my last leave. The metal dog I found in a Margate street. The ladies' handkerchiefs I bought as a present for my wife. The other property is my own." He was unable to account for the name "F. W. Gardner" on the towels. On 4th February, when interviewed regarding the brush identified as coming from Rancliffe Court, he said "I did get it from there. That was all I took. The door was standing open and the place was upside down."

D/S Godsell of the fingerprint branch, New Scotland Yard, stated that 16 ridge characteristics were in agreement on Price's fingerprint form and a piece of glass bearing a thumbmark.

D/C Wren stated that the piece of glass had been removed from the lower half of the ground-floor lavatory window of 5 Norfolk-road and was standing against the wall beneath the window.

In a statement Price handed in he said he was working next door when his hammer dropped into the garden of 5 Norfolk-road. He climbed over the fence to get it and seeing the back door was open went inside, where he found everything strewn about the room. It was easy to see someone had been in before and he was tempted to take some articles but had now had time to realise he was very foolish. At Rancliffe Court, he added, he did not break in as the door was open

Recovered From Wife.

In the case against Lewis, D/C Tinson, who saw him, in company with D/I Cory, at his headquarters on 25th January, stated that he told accused certain property recovered from his wife by the Metropolitan police included a fur coat identified as one reported stolen from Rancliffe Court. Told he would be charged with housebreaking, Lewis replied "Yes." Charged at the police station, he replied "Nothing to say."

On 4th February, when shown the fur coat and cutlery, Lewis said "I got them from Rancliffe Court. The door was standing open. The other stuff I got from two houses in Sweyn-road. I will show you where they are." Taken to Sweyn-road, Lewis pointed to Tyrone and said "I got the blankets from here." He also said he entered by lifting the bottom sash of a kitchen window. At Albert House, where he said he got the sheets, pillow cases and towels, D/C Tinson found the scullery door at the rear had been forced and the padlocks of the linen cupboard just inside had been forced off. Accused said "The door was open when I came here."

Witness added that all three premises had been slightly damaged as the result of enemy action.

Lewis made no statement in court before his committal to assizes.

REPLACE THANET

A CHALLENGE TO THANET

Plans are now well in hand for Thanet Warships Weeks, to be held during March, when the combined objective of the three towns is to raise £400,000 to replace H.M.S. Thanet, sunk recently in action against the Japanese in the Far East.

Broadstairs Week is being held from 7th-14th March and the Weeks at Ramsgate and Margate from 14th-21st March. Each town is carrying out its own individual programme but it is hoped that the aptness of the local appeal will produce a joint result worthy of the three famous holiday towns.

At a meeting of a joint co-ordinating committee held at Broadstairs on Tuesday it was decided that the slogan of the island should be "A Challenge to Thanet. Replace Thanet."

Intending competitors in the Arts and Crafts Civil Defence Exhibition to be held in connection with the Ramsgate Exhibition at Littlewood's, are reminded that entry forms, obtainable at the ADVERTISER & ECHO Office, Church-hill, must be returned to Winter's, King-street, not later than Saturday next.

The competition is divided into two groups—drawings and paintings, and models and handicrafts—and prizes of five, three and one Savings Certificates are being offered in each group.

In order to ensure a representative show of "Ramsgate Lads and Lassies in the Royal Navy" still more photographs of serving men and women are required. Photographs should be taken to Winter's, King-street, and will be retained only for a short time while being re-photographed to a uniform size. Photographs should be accompanied by the rank, name and unit with which the subject is serving.

A.T.C. INSPECTION

SQDN. LDR. MARTIN-TOMSON'S VISIT

Satisfaction with the efficiency of the Thanet Squadron of the Air Training Corps was expressed by Sqdn. Ldr. W. Martin-Tomson, R.A.F.V.R., District Inspecting Officer, A.T.C., South-Eastern Region, following an inspection on Tuesday.

At Margate Sqdn.-Ldr. Martin-Tomson met the Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare), who is chairman of the Thanet Squadron Committee, and afterwards, in company with the Commanding Officer (Flt. Lt. R. Spratling) and the Adjutant (Flg. Off. F. A. Burgess), inspected the headquarters at the Pettman Central School.

Following a visit to the Ramsgate Flight in the evening, Sqdn. Ldr. Martin-Tomson returned to Margate, and saw the cadets at instruction.

The Inspecting Officer congratulated the Commanding Officer on the efforts of the squadron and said he was satisfied with everything he had seen.

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Wash and coarsely grate 6 carrots and 6 potatoes; mix with 2 tablespoons packet sage and onion. Make seasoning of 2 teaspoons salt, ½ teaspoon pepper, and, if possible, 1 teaspoon ground ginger, 1 tablespoon brown sugar. Put half the vegetables in a stewpot, cover with half the seasoning, add rest of vegetables and rest of seasoning. No water required. Cover stewpot and bake very slowly for 2 hours. You'll have a dish very much out of the ordinary, for 3 or 4.

VITAL TO VICTORY

AGRICULTURE'S TOUGH TASK

This is a war of production and victory will lie with the group of belligerents producing the most in the shortest time.

That applies not to tanks and planes alone, for food supplies are just as vital a factor.

As long ago as October, 1940, Mr. Churchill wrote to the President of the National Farmers' Union: "Food production of our country is, at this hour of supreme crisis, one of the vital factors in our ability to resist and overcome a formidable enemy."

Earlier than that—in June, 1940—the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. R. S. Hudson, in a broadcast said "This war may well be won by whoever has the last week's supply of food. . . . It is up to all of us now in agriculture to see that we use every last ounce of energy and every last acre of land so that **our** people have that last week's supply."

Those official statements were truths then; but they are white-hot truths to-day, with the extension of the war to the Pacific and the paramount need to divert ships from carrying food to carrying troops and tanks and direct munitions of war.

To-day over 40 millions of our people are looking to home farmers for a very great deal of the wherewithal to sustain them in this fight for existence. None will deny that the task set to farmers is the toughest ever imposed on the industry, confronted as it is with difficulties that the war has inevitably created. Man power, machinery and fertilisers have presented supply problems that will be aggravated by the Pacific war.

Nevertheless the Minister of Agriculture, who has discussed the matter with many farmers and made detailed inspections of farms, has declared his personal view that, even without any increase in man power, machinery or fertilisers, most farms could produce something more than they are doing to-day. While individual increases might not be spectacular, in the aggregate a small increase on each of two-thirds of our farms would materially improve our food supply.

So Mr. Hudson has urged all farmers to ask themselves the question: "How can I, by better management, by pinching and scraping, by extra work with brain and hand, by improvisation and resource, produce the last ounce of food out of my farm?"

On the way in which every farmer answers that question depends the continued existence of the nation—including the farmers themselves.

In December there were 59 food prosecutions in the south-eastern region, all but three of which were successful.

VICTORY—on Paper

Take to heart the precious nature of paper NOW. It is wanted for munitions.

Keep a box or basket INDOORS for every scrap of paper. Give it to the collector DRY—don't leave it out by the dustbin.

Do not put waste paper with ashes in the dustbin.

You may have some old books tucked away. Please turn them out. An old A.B.C. railway guide weighing 23 ounces would, for example, produce sufficient mixed waste to make four gun fuses.

When you have paper, cardboard, or old books waiting for collection, put a card in your window marked "P."

This will help the collectors, especially if you happen to be out when they call.

Leave your waste in a conveniently dry spot for them to collect.

"So little salved by so many would mean so much."

MEAN AND CONTEMPTIBLE

UNSATISFACTORY COUNCIL HOUSE TENANTS

Many of the tenants of Margate Council houses are not attempting to meet their obligations.

At a meeting of the Council on Tuesday Alderman A. G. Hine said some comment should be made on the behaviour of many of the tenants of Council houses. Those tenants should be warned that debts incurred during the war were not excused by the Moratorium when the war ended.

"I want to warn those tenants who can, but have not paid, that when the war is over the Housing Committee will know how to deal with them," said Alderman Hine. "The way many of them have behaved towards the Council in the payment of rent and rates is mean and contemptible."

Councillor F. C. Baker said it had been reported to him that some of the houses in the Dane Valley were unlocked, that damage had been caused to the interiors and that they were in a deplorable state.

It was unnecessary in these times, said Councillor Baker, that pressure should be brought to bear on people to vacate their houses. Some tenants were rather dissatisfied because little adjustments which they had asked should be carried out had not been done.

Sympathetic Treatment.

Alderman W. R. Noble said the members of the Housing Committee were kindhearted people who would not take unfair or cruel action against anyone. He felt satisfied that the tenants received sympathetic consideration. His experience as a house agent was that there were people in the town who were taking advantage of the situation in regard to rent. He understood that some Corporation tenants were seriously in arrears, even up to £30. In cases where the tenants were capable of paying the rent but had not done so the committee would be wanting in their duty to the Corporation and the burgesses if they did not take some action.

Alderman W. C. Redman recalled his request some years ago for the appointment of a housing manager, and said they would have such troubles so long as they did not have one. There were about 500 houses and it was full-time job for a person to look after them.

Councillor W. J. Perkins, chairman of the committee, said just before the outbreak of war the committee were considering the appointment of a housing manager, but the war caused it to be placed in the background. At the end of hostilities it would be one of the first matters raised.

Councillor Perkins said every case which came before the committee was sympathetically treated. In those which had been brought to the notice of the Council an opportunity had been given to the tenants to make an offer. Where it was found that a tenant was trying to help, the committee had waived certain liabilities.

Speaking on behalf of the good tenants who paid their rent and a shilling a week for repairs, Alderman Hine complained that some houses in the Connaught-road area which were damaged in a raid months ago had not even had first-aid repairs. Ceilings damaged by a bomb 18 months ago were patched up with brown paper and beaver board and this winter snow had come through them. He thought better attention should be given to those houses.

The Surveyor (Mr. W. L. Armstrong) said that he recommended to the Emergency Committee that plaster board should be bought for repairs to ceilings but an application for the board was refused. Four days ago official instructions were received that ceilings should be patched up with cardboard or paper.

MATTER OF URGENCY

ISOLATION HOSPITAL FIRE INSURANCES

The advisability of increasing immediately the fire insurances in respect of the Haine Isolation Hospital was emphasised by Councillor B. J. Pearson at a meeting of the Thanet Joint Hospital Board at Clarendon House, Ramsgate, on Wednesday.

The report of the House Management Committee stated that in 1918 the fire insurances had been increased to £84,000 but in 1935 the covering figure was reduced to £74,055. The Clerk (Mr. W. W. Clifford) had suggested that in view of the rising cost of building the cover should be considerably increased.

The committee recommended that the Clerk should communicate with the accountants of the constituent authorities and ascertain whether they had increased the insurance cover on the premises under their control.

Councillor Pearson said he was unable to be present at the meeting of the House Management Committee but if he had been he would not have supported the recommendation. Surely the members of the committee had sufficient intelligence and knowledge to decide whether it was desirable or otherwise to increase the insurances without consulting other authorities. They knew that since the war building costs had increased tremendously. He had no hesitation in saying that the increase was at least 60 per cent. to 65 per cent. Had he been present at the meeting he would have moved a recommendation for a definite increase. They should not wait for the views of others.

Councillor Pearson moved that the matter be considered in committee at the conclusion of the business that afternoon and that the Clerk be given instructions to increase the cover.

Seconding the amendment, which was carried, Councillor W. J. Perkins said the matter was of sufficient importance to be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

MARGATE SCHOOL WINS SALVAGE CUP

St. Gregory's Roman Catholic School, Margate, evacuated to the Cannock district, Staffordshire, has won a silver cup in a competition held in connection with the January waste paper salvage drive.

The cup was presented by Councillor A. E. Beddows, chairman of the Cannock Urban District Council.

Twenty-seven schools took part in the competition but St. Gregory's was the only evacuated school competing as a separate unit.

The school collected 2 tons 6 cwts. 2 qtrs. of salvage, an average of 30 lbs. per head of the 133 children.

PREPARING FOR PEACE

RESTORING MARGATE WINTER GARDENS

Preliminary reports that had been prespared by Mr. J. E. Saxby and Mr. Stanley C. Ramsey, F.R.I.B.A., regarding the restoration of Margate Winter Gardens came under discussion at the meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday.

The Entertainments Committee had recommended that rough plans be prepared providing for:

the re-construction of the stage in accordance with the plans already approved by the Minister of Health;

the provision of a covered entrance on the west side of the sun lounge to give an independent entrance to the main hall without passing through the sun lounge;

extra kitchen accommodation under the east balcony;

an extension of the old bar and possible additional lavatory accommodation.

Mr. Saxby, in his report, emphasised the importance of the Winter Gardens being operative as soon as possible after the cessation of hostilities, particularly as Westbrook Pavilion and the Oval would be unfit for use.

Avoiding Time Lag.

"Whatever the post-war policy of municipal entertainments as a whole may be, it will be manifest," he stated, "that the Winter Gardens will figure as the chief centre for the main entertainment and attractions, and therefore the restoration of the building should be considered immediately with a long view to the future, and decisions arrived at to obviate any time lag."

While not advising any variation of the main features of the hall, which possessed the right atmosphere for a holiday resort, Mr. Saxby recommended certain improvements to enhance both earning capacity and amenities, which could be effected at a cost that need not be much in excess of the amount required to restore the building to its original condition.

The main improvement he advised was the provision of a modern-equipped stage that would enable the best average touring company to be staged as well as the usual concerts. The scheme would further increase the use of the sun lounge by excluding sound and allowing it to be used simultaneously with the main hall.

Mr. Ramsey, while not recommending the preparation of working drawings now, suggested that the committee might like to consider some sketch plans indicating how the east end to the main hall could be improved and the new approach by the side of the sun lounge provided.

Opening the debate, Councillor W. R. Curtis maintained that it was absolutely futile to attempt at present to plan anything for the future either of the Winter Gardens or the town. "Any attempt by any committee to start spending money on what might prove to be a wild cat scheme should be immediately stopped by this Council," he said.

Councillor C. W. W. Hansen, complaining that they had not had time to consider the report of the architect, thought, for one thing, the stage should be placed at the end of the hall so that the performers could face all the audience.

Alderman A. G. Hine, emphasising the importance of the Winter Gardens being ready for immediate use after the war, said that last year he received an inquiry from a man who was looking for a house in Margate but who, when he heard the Winter Gardens had been smashed said "That was all I was coming to Margate for. It had the finest form of entertainment I have ever seen."

Alderman Hine also said he would be disappointed if in the near future they did not have a scheme to build a new Westbrook Pavilion on the Casino site.

Getting Away to a Quick Start.

The Mayor, Alderman G. P. Hoare, reminded the Council that it was not their intention to rebuild the Winter Gardens this week, next week or next year. They were just preparing the way for a quick start after the war.

Councillor Mrs. E. M. Giles said that when they could do business they did not want to find they had nowhere in which to do it.

While agreeing that they should know the cost of the plans, Councillor S. W. Pearce said it was up to the town to get ahead and be prepared.

Alderman G. B. Farrar, pointing out that they were only asking for rough plans so as to be prepared when the war ended, added "I wish some of you had business to attend to. Then you would not waste so much time."

Replying to the debate, Alderman W. R. Noble, chairman of the committee, explained that it was necessary for the Council to submit their application to the Ministry for rebuilding the Winter Gardens as soon as possible. Immediately there was a possibility of the war being over, the Ministry would be inundated with rebuilding applications from all over the country and if Margate's plans were held up for six months it might mean losing a season's business. The plans would come to the Council for criticism and approval.

The report was adopted.

DRAMA AND ROMANCE

BEERY AND LAMOUR AT ODEON

Lovers of the romantic will find the programmes to their taste at the Odeon Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

Wallace Beery has the funniest romance of his screen career in "Barnacle Bill," chief feature to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow. Beery plays a waterfront character once more in a hectic story of an idler who falls in love with the daughter of a ship chandler, then, filled with ambition, leads a tuna fishing village in a successful fight against a price-fixing combine. Amid the fights and thrills are innumerable comedy interludes. Marjorie Main, Leo Carrillo and Virginia Weidler are also in the cast. The programme also includes "Melody and Moonlight," with Johnny Downs, Barbara Allen and Jerry Colonna.

Topping their memorable performance in "The Hurricane," Dorothy Lamour and Jon Hall are co-starred in the Techicolour romance "Aloma of the South Seas," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. Jon Hall, the son of the island chief, was betrothed to Dorothy Lamour during their childhood and after a ten-year absence to secure an education in the States, returns to claim his bride. Dorothy, the wild beauteous Aloma, finds herself torn between her returned husband-to-be and the cousin, Philip Reed, the man she thinks she loves. Their triangle of tropic love turns to stirring drama when steaming lava begins to pour out of a sacred volcano on the island. "West Point Widow," with Anne Shirley and Richard Carlson, will also be shown.

FAMOUS RESTAURATEUR

FUNERAL OF MR. JAMES MARZETTI

Many a shipwrecked seaman will remember with gratitude throughout his life the kindness and hospitality of Mr. James Marzetti, proprietor of the Popular Hotel and Restaurant, Harbour-parade, Ramsgate, who died at Maidstone at the age of 64.

By his passing Ramsgate has lost one of its best restaurateurs. With Mr. Marzetti catering was an art, learnt in a famous hotel, and at the Popular the cuisine was invariably excellent.

An Italian by birth, Mr. Marzetti came to England as a young man and took out naturalisation papers. He received his training in the hotel business at the famous Waldorf Hotel, London, and it was while on holiday at Ramsgate at the beginning of the century that he met his wife.

In 1910 Mr. Marzetti opened the Victoria Restaurant, Harbour-parade, but up to the last war the business was largely carried on by Mrs. Marzetti. During the intervening years Mr. Marzetti held important hotel appointments both in this country and also in Paris and Biarritz.

Savoy Hotel Memories.

During the last war Mr. Marzetti was for some time manager of the Midland Hotel, Bradford, and he also for a time held the important post of head waiter at the Savoy Hotel, London, where he was responsible for the tables of many important personalities including that of the present Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill.

In 1923 Mr. Marzetti opened the Popular Hotel, Harbour-parade, Ramsgate, which was formerly the Sailors' Rest. Shortly before the war he opened a further restaurant in Harbour-street.

The Popular was known to thousands of holidaymakers and was one of the few establishments on the seafront remaining open following the outbreak of the present war.

During the early months of the war when ships of many nationalities were blown up by mines in the Channel, survivors were frequently brought to Ramsgate and they were usually taken to the Popular Hotel, where they were fed and clothed. The crews often knew hardly a word of English and it was here that Mr. Marzetti's command of numerous continental languages proved of great assistance.

Mr. Marzetti took the greatest personal interest in the welfare of the men and he received the thanks of many famous shipping lines for the manner in which he looked after them.

Injured by Bomb.

In August, 1940, the Popular Hotel was extensively damaged by a bomb and Mr. Marzetti sustained a severe arm injury.

On a visit to the district on the day of the raid, Mr. Churchill inspected the damage to the Hotel.

From August until December Mr. Marzetti was a patient at the Preston Hall Emergency Hospital and although at times his life was almost despaired of, he made an almost complete recovery from his injury.

Towards the end of last year Mr. Marzetti opened the Cannon Restaurant, Maidstone and it was here that he passed away following a comparatively short illness.

The deepest sympathy will be extended to the widow and to the two sons, Mr. J. C. Marzetti, of the Ramsgate Civil Defence Service, and Mr. A. C. Marzetti, who is serving with The Buffs.

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Thursday.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Rooney.

The mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. J. Marzetti (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Marzetti (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Bellidosi, Mr. and Mrs. Seros, Mrs. and Miss Fortune, Mrs. Fairbairn, Mr. Rigganini, Mr. and Mrs. Daguati, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Bear and Inspr. Swendell.

Floral tributes were received from: The widow; John and Mabel; Georgie, Angu and Lucia; Margaret and Gloria; Nellie, John Shoey and the girls; Nellie, Edie, Vina, Rene and Paddy; Mr. and Mrs. Cima and Jina; Tina and Charles; Uncle Charles; Mr. and Mrs. Daguati and family; Mr. T. Bragg, Mrs. Crome and Peggy; Mr. Bellidosi; Mr. B. Vivari; S. M. Bear and family; Messrs. J. and R. Knight; Board of Directors of Messrs. Tomson and Wotton; the Ramsgate branch; the Maidstone staff.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

OUT OF ORDER

ALDERMAN WANTS MORE LATITUDE

A suggestion that more latitude should be allowed members at the monthly meetings was made by Alderman W. C. Redman at a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday.

Alderman Redman said the members were frequently pulled up by the Mayor for referring to subjects not mentioned in the reports. Several times of late they had noticed that it had been impossible for a member to put a question or get information on a subject relating to a committee if the actual matter were not on the printed agenda. He suggested that Standing Orders should be amended so that at the end of each report the Mayor should be able to ask if anyone had anything to ask on the question of the committee's work. It was done at the meetings of the County Council and worked very well.

The Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove) said that members could give notice of questions and receive the answer at the public meeting.

"If we are to allow discussion on any subject which any member of the Council cares to raise," said the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare), "it seems to me that instead of the meetings lasting one or two hours they will be one or two days, especially if we have a full Council."

Alderman A. G. Hine said there was something in Alderman Redman's suggestion because the reports of the committees were not so informative as in peace-time.

VEGETABLES INSTEAD OF FLOWERS

A large portion of the flower borders and other specified parts of the garden at Haine Isolation Hospital now under grass are to be devoted to the raising of crops.

The report of the House Management Committee of the Thanet Joint Hospital Board, presented at a meeting at Ramsgate on Wednesday, stated that the Garden Committee had been given executive powers to do all necessary work to enhance production.

POLICE CHASE AFTER WOMAN

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE

A woman's alleged efforts to escape when challenged by two police officers were related at Margate police court on Wednesday.

The woman, Constance Merrick, of Osborne-road, Broadstairs, was summoned for riding a cycle without a front light.

As defendant did not appear the magistrates, after hearing police evidence, adjourned the case for a week and gave instructions that defendant should be warned to attend court.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said the woman had obstructed the police all the way through.

P/C Tyler said that at 9.15 p.m. on 28th January he was in Northdown-road, Margate, with W/R/C Cutting when defendant approached on a cycle without a front light. He shouted to her to switch the light on but she pedalled on and when called upon to stop quickened her speed. Witness and his colleague stopped a passing car and gave chase. They overtook defendant at the junction of Northumberland-avenue and Northdown-road and W/R/C Cutting jumped out but she evaded him by cycling up Northumberland-avenue as fast as she could. They overtook her again at Laleham-corner but by the time witness had jumped out of the car she turned round and pedalled fast down Northumberland-avenue. Witness chased her for 150 yards before catching her.

Witness said defendant was very abusive and truculent and refused to listen to reason. She doubted the officers' power to stop her and they had to restrain her from getting away. She refused to give any particulars about herself until witness warned her that she would be taken to the police station. She then gave her name. When asked why she did not stop she replied "I was too bothered. I wanted to get home to Broadstairs."

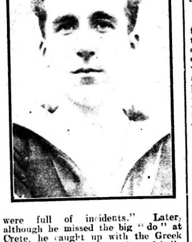
In reply to the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan), witness said defendant was about 30 years of age but he did not know her occupation. She refused to tell him. When she left witness and was a safe distance away she mounted her cycle again.

WALLOPING THE JAPS

RAMSGATONIAN'S CONFIDENCE

Although only 21 years of age, Leading Telegraphist Ernest W. Stankiste, R.N., son of Mr. C. Stankiste, a piermaster at Ramsgate Harbour, has led an exciting life since he joined the Navy at the age of 15½.

An old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, and a former member of the East Cliff Scouts, L/T Stankiste had what he recently described in the Troop News-Letter as "tastes of Norway and Dunkirk which



were full of incidents." Later, although he missed the big "do" at Crete, he caught up with the Greek affair and had "quite a time of it."

When the ship on which he was serving was sunk L/T Stankiste lost many of his comrades and was himself on the sick list for a time but in a recent letter to his father, dated 5th January and despatched by air mail, he stated that he was now in the best of health and had just been awarded the Good Conduct badge.

Regarding the situation in the Far East, L/T Stankiste wrote "I expect we shall give the Japs what they asked for in time to come—namely a darned good walloping! They have got it coming to them when we and the Yanks get under way properly."

Enquiring about his father's allotment activities, L/T Stankiste expressed sympathy with him in the loss he sustained when the garden in the old house went west.

Reporting that he had had a good Christmas dinner which included nuts and the usual things, he added "of course they grow out here so there wasn't much difficulty in getting them."

L/T Stankiste's brother Charles is serving in the R.A.O.C.

KING'S CONTRASTS

SPECTACLE AND ROMANCE

Two excellent contrasting programmes are being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

Heading the bill to-day and to-morrow is "Ice-Capades," a glittering spectacle on ice with a galaxy of ice-skating champions of international fame. At the head of the cast is Dorothy Lewis, who appeared in the original ice show of the same name in no less than 35 cities and played to over a million people. Supported by a skating chorus of 60 beautiful girls are such stars as Megan Taylor and Belita of England, Vera Hruba of Czechoslovakia, Serge Flash of Russia, and Red McCarthy of Canada. The comedy side of the picture is headed by James Ellison, in the romantic lead, playing opposite Dorothy Lewis, with Jerry Colonna, Barbara Allen and Alan Mowbray. Also being shown is "False Witness," with the Weaver Brothers and Elviry.

Joan Crawford heads the cast of "When Ladies Meet," chief feature for the latter part of the week. She has the part of a girl faced with the choice of two men—one married. Robert Taylor is the man who wants to marry the girl, and does plenty about it. Greer Garson is the wife who can say "No" and mean it. In addition to the three leading players the cast also includes Herbert Marshall as the philandering husband and Spring Byington as the matron who referees the love match without knowing what it is all about. The programme will also include "Desperate Cargo," an air thriller featuring Ralph Byrd and Carol Hughes.

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THE WAR OF 1914-18

We regret to record the death of George Edward Philpott, the Ramsgate boy hero who shielded his little sister with his own body when bombs were falling around them during the air raid over the town in March last. Philpott, who was 15 years of age at the time, was injured by a splinter of shell, and one of his brothers was killed, but the little girl, thanks to the young hero's presence of mind and courage, escaped unscathed. The boy never completely recovered from the shock of his terrible experience.

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The call to National Service has now assumed definite shape in Thanet and in the course of the next few days the nature of the response to the appeal will be seen. It must be borne in mind that the requirements of the Army have drained the district of the majority of the able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 41 and it would appear that the appeal must be directed mainly to older men. The Government appeal is urgent and we have no doubt the response will be prompt. The war has blown away the wretched doctrine that for useful work a man is too old at 40.

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In consonance with British traditions, naval honours were accorded at the funeral at Ramsgate on Thursday of a German naval sailor—a victim of the Hun destroyer V69—whose body was washed ashore between Sandwich and Deal. The service was most impressive, deeply significant of the British attitude towards a fallen foe—even though the foe belongs to a nation which has forfeited the respect of the world.

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Skipper Edwin Miller, Mate Towner and Third Hand Morrell, who formed the crew of the Ramsgate smack Geisha, have returned home after a thrilling adventure with German U-boat pirates. They were for over five hours in their small boat before reaching land in the dark. To keep from freezing they continually pulled on the oars and kept up their spirits by singing "Grace Darling."

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Two more Broadstairs tradesmen to join up are Messrs. H. E. Harrington and C. B. Hosking, both of York-street. The former has entered the Royal Naval Air Service as a dispatch rider and the latter has joined the R.G.A.

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Next week the first three women roadsweepers engaged by Broadstairs Council will be seen at work in the town. There has been a satisfactory response to the appeal for women workers and the experiment will probably be followed by the engagement of more female labour for similar work.

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Every sympathy will be extended to the Rev. Charles Bloy, pastor of High-street Baptist Church, Broadstairs, and Mrs. Bloy in the loss they have sustained through the death in action of their sixth son, Pte. Philip L. M. C. Bloy, London Scottish.

50 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

OLD, OLD STORY

Drawn together by large posters displaying prominent lines such as "Financial Condition of the Borough" and "Extraordinary Proceedings of the Town Council," quite a large audience assembled in Sanger's Amphitheatre on Thursday. The exact nature of the play was by no means *en evidence*. People, however, came forth to see and hear something—whether comedy, drama, extravaganza, or pure and simple farce—otherwise they would not have filled boxes, fauteuils, pit and gallery in so goodly array. Dr. Chandler chemist, took the chair and spoke for half an hour. The ground traversed was very old, and the great audience sat quiet and subdued simply because pretty much the same arguments about the front improvements had been heard 20 times over. Protest was also made about the very high rates—2s. 6d. in the £.

REV. J. E. BRENAN

A large gathering of parishioners and friends of the Rev. J. E. Brenan assembled in Christ Church Parish Hall with a view to presenting him with a testimonial subscribed to by some 500 persons as a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the people of Ramsgate. Rev. Brenan, who is going to Clifton, Bristol, has been Vicar of Christ Church for the past 18 years. Mr. Brenan founded the Ramsgate Sailors' Home and Harbour Mission and took part in many good works in the town.

ELECTION DODGE

A splendid election dodge has been made public in Hungary and may be recommended in this country to wealthy candidates for public honours. A certain Prince Arthur von Something, a candidate of the opposition party, has had 600 pairs of boots made and one boot has been given to each elector with the solemn promise that he should receive the other after the election if proof were shown that he had really bestowed his vote on the Prince. The result will be watched with great interest.

A YEAR AGO

Shells which exploded in a south-east coast area on Wednesday damaged a few houses and killed seven chickens in a garden. It was the first time that the area had come under shell-fire since the outbreak of war. A police car toured the streets advising people through a loudspeaker to keep under cover.

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Having completed 40 years' service, Mr. J. E. Saxby retired from the position of Entertainments Manager to Margate Corporation.

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Mr. Robert Arthur Choppin, member of Broadstairs Council for five years, passed away at Margate General Hospital.

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The remaining women of Broadstairs have rallied and decided to form a local branch of the W.V.S.

FUNERAL OF MR. T. W. CHAPMAN

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Tuesday of Mr. Thomas Walter Chapman, of Grassholme, London-road, Ramsgate, whose death was reported in our last issue.

The interment was preceded by a service at the house conducted by the Rev. F. J. Bomford.

The mourners were Miss A. Harrisson (niece), Mr. A. H. Lanfear, Mr. S. A. Ovenden, Mr. W. Knight, Mr. F. H. Harman, Mr. T. W. Mockridge, Mr. Fennell, Rev. P. J. Grubb, Mr. W. Drake and Mr. S. Board.

Floral tributes were received from: The widow; Miss A. Harrisson (niece); Mrs. Chalmers (sister) and family (Lowestoft); Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pinkham (sister); H. and W. and F. Cladingbowl (half-brothers); Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pinkham (nephew) (Stafford); Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pinkham (nephew) (Greenford); Mr. and Mrs. Brixter (niece) (Windsor); Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ovenden (niece); Mrs. Pierpoint (London); Mr. and Mrs. W. Knight and family (cousin); Mrs. Lambert (Sidcup); Mr. and Mrs. L. Lambert and son (Sidcup); Mr. and Mrs. E. Fennell and family; Mr. and Mrs. H. Hodgman and son (Margate); Mrs. Strover; Mrs. P. Brixter; the Minister, stewards and congregation of Hardres-street Methodist Church; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lanfear and daughter; Members of "The Skipper's Bible Class," Messrs. F. and P. Chiddention, W. R. Mockridge, H. Colgate and R. Aiano; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rees (Milford); the Clerical Staff at Milford; the Char Steam Trawling Co., Milford; the Milford Haven Ice Co.; the Ramsgate Steam Trawling Co. Ltd.; the Milford Haven Trawler Owners' Association; the Milford Haven Trawlers' Supply Co.; the Milford Haven Docks Co.; the Milford Haven Engineering Works; Messrs. Claxton and Co. Ltd.; the Skipper and crew of the Resplendent; the Skipper and crew of the Lady Luck; the Skipper and crew of the Loyal Star; Messrs. Bayley and Stone; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Davis; Mrs. Thomas and son; Mr. F. Snelling and Mr. and Mrs. W. Eades; Mr. and Mrs. L. Sinden; Messrs. F. H. and W. W. Harman; Alderman T. W. Mockridge and Mrs. W. R. Mockridge; Mr. and Mrs. H. Page and family; the Misses Foreman; Mr. and Mrs. A. Baker.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Relatives are invited to notify The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," Church-hill, Ramsgate, of particulars concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

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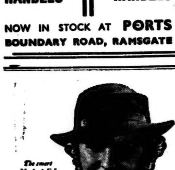

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Middle East Meeting.—Two former members of the East Cliff, Ramsgate, Scout Troop, S/Sgt. F. E. Denmee and Sgt. A. Danton, recently met in the Middle East. They had not previously seen each other since 1928.

Dance Extensions.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday granted an extension of the music and dancing license at the West Cliff Theatre on Tuesday, 3rd March, until 1 a.m. for a town ball and a similar extension on 20th March for a ball in aid of Warship Week. In each case Mr. W. G. Love was granted an occasional license to sell intoxicating liquors until 12.30 a.m.

BROADSTAIRS

For the Red Cross.—Collections on behalf of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund, taken at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, last week, amounted to £5 11s. 8d.

Mothers' Union.—Mrs. G. J. Brown, of Buckland, near Dover, was the speaker at a meeting of the Holy Trinity and St. Peter's branches of the Mothers' Union, held at the Church Schoolroom last week.

Hospital Committee Chairman.—Councillor S. W. Fright, of Broadstairs, has been appointed chairman for the ensuing year of the House Management Committee of the Isle of Thanet Joint Hospital Board. Last year's chairman was Alderman W. T. Smith, of Ramsgate.

Mrs. E. E. Godding—The funeral of Mrs. Emily Elizabeth Godding, who passed away at her home, Cheyne House, Carlton-avenue, Broadstairs, at the age of 85, took place at St. Peter's on Tuesday. The service was conducted by the Rector of Broadstairs (Rev. C. H. Bailey), and the mourners were Mrs. H. J. Waghorn (sister), Mrs. J. M. Jacobson (daughter) and Mr. C. F. J. Jacobson (grandson).

Funeral of Mrs. J. T. B. Dawson.—The funeral took place at St. Peter's of Mrs. Winifred Alice Dawson, of 45 Rosemary-avenue, Broadstairs, wife of Mr. J. T. B. Dawson, newsagent, of Queen's-road, who passed away at the age of 46 years. The service was conducted by the Rector of Broadstairs (Rev. C. H. Bailey), and the mourners were the widower, Mr. and Mrs. W. Anthony and Mrs. A. E. Bedford. Floral tributes included one from the local branch of the National Federation of Newsagents.

Templars' Concert.—A camp fire concert arranged by Mrs. Hawes, was presented at the meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., at the Good Templar Hall, Edge End-road, Broadstairs, on Tuesday. Mrs. L. A. Ware, D.D.M., presided and a cordial welcome was accorded to Pte. R. Pointer, home on leave, who expressed pleasure at being able to attend a lodge meeting once again. Mrs. Hunt, D.S.E.W., gave fraternal greetings from the Advance Lodge and greetings were also received from Miss W. Smith (Amicable Lodge, Chesterfield), Gnr. R. Whiteley, Mr. M. D. Faulkner, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Coleman. The lodge chaplain, Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W., conducted the intercession service. Mrs. N. McCabe and Mr. S. Glover were elected delegates to the East Kent District Lodge.

BIRCHINGTON

Returned With Compliments.—A German field gun presented to Birchington after the last war is, at the suggestion of Mr. H. E. E. Jeston, to be removed by the Corporation from the grounds of Grenham House School and used for scrap metal.

Messenger's Gift.—On leaving to join the Army, Denis Edward Johncock, of Canterbury-road, Birchington, a full-time messenger with the local section of the N.F.S., has been presented by the men of the station with a wallet containing a sum of money.

Engagement.—The engagement is announced of Gerald Hilaro Dickson, only son of the late Mr. H. H. W. Dickson, of Castletown, Isle of Man, and of Mrs. Dickson, of Cape Town, South Africa, to June Selby Little, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Selby Little, of Tung An, Birchington.

Fireman's Long Service.—Mr. E. Tumber, of Canterbury-road, Birchington, who first served in the days of horse-drawn fire engines, has been presented by the men of the Birchington station with an eight-day clock, following his retirement from the fire service after 35 years' association with the local brigade.

MANSTON

Brave Boy.—Master H. A. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Smith, of Manston Post Office, a pupil of Chatham House School at Stafford, has been congratulated by the headmaster, the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, in front of the school upon his courage and resource in going to the assistance of a comrade who had fallen through the ice of a frozen canal. Both boys were given hot drinks and wrapped in blankets by a woman who insisted on them staying in bed to avoid the possibility of chill until their clothes were dried.

WESTGATE

Death of Miss R. Tucker.—The funeral took place at Chilham last week of Miss Rose Tucker, of Adrian-square, for 50 years a resident of Westgate. Eighty-one years of age, Miss Tucker for many years carried on business as a dressmaker. She was a prominent member of Christ Church (Congregational)

BUFFS CASUALTIES

The War Office announce the following casualties among The Buffs:

Killed—W/S Cpl. L. C. Ashby, Ptes. J. H. Laking, R. Riggs, S. R. E. Sharp, A. C. Sigrist.

Died of wounds—Capt. E. H. G. M. Kenny, 154219.

Wounded—Sgt. R. W. Champion, Sgt. A. H. Hurley, L/Cpl. L. C. Newing, Ptes. R. Bailey, F. E. J. Foster, J. G. Maxted, V. W. Relf.

Prisoner in Italy.—Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Campbell of Margate, now living at Berkhamstead, Pte. A. R. L. Campbell, The Buffs, is a prisoner of war in Italy. It was reported in September that Pte. Campbell was a prisoner at Benghazi and he has since been moved to Italy.

BLACK-OUT TO-DAY FROM 6.47 p.m. TILL 7.40 a.m.

Secret Sessions in Local Government

HOLE-IN-THE-CORNER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

By BRENDAN BERNARD WILLIAMS

Knowledge of what transpires at meetings of elected representatives is essential in a democracy.

Where this knowledge is denied, democracy is nothing but an empty name.

Occasionally during the war the Houses of Parliament have met in secret session, when matters were to be discussed that the enemy might profit from knowing. The secret sessions were not intended to withhold the knowledge from the public, except in so far as traitors or spies might hand the information on, and they were not intended to prevent the public from learning of any criticisms that Members might level at the Government. The recent three-day debate on the vote of confidence in Mr. Churchill's Cabinet was conducted in open session, for anybody to hear or report the criticisms made. The public has elected Members of the House of Commons, and they have a right to know everything that transpires in the Chamber, and—excepting secret sessions—nobody attempts to withhold the knowledge or has even suggested that it should be withheld.

Members of the House of Lords are not elected; but the same publicity is given to their proceedings as to those of the other House.

Local authorities are elected representatives of the people. But meetings of local authorities are in some places by no means open and above board; on the contrary, there are local government bodies that go to considerable trouble to ensure that the residents of their areas shall not know what transpires at their conferences.

Two Acts of Parliament govern the publicity due to meetings of these local bodies. In the light of what is happening in some places, these Acts are insufficient to compel secretive authorities to honour their obligations to those who elected them and who are entitled to know how they conduct the public affairs of the locality.

The Act of 1933 permits local authorities to make their own standing orders. So some authorities have gratified their instinct for secrecy in other peoples' affairs by making standing orders to the effect that meetings of committees shall be held with the public and the press excluded, confirmation of the proposals of the committees being voted in open council; in some areas, proposals of important executive committees do not by standings orders, require even confirmation, and of decisions made by these committees the public remains ignorant; and other Councils have arranged that even meetings of the General Purpose Committee shall be held privately, without the press being there to hear and record what goes on.

Vital Secrets.

Conditions of war may, on occasion, render publicity for certain statements highly undesirable. No difficulty would be experienced in making private those meetings where necessarily secret information is to be imparted; but this exceptional consideration does not justify or begin to justify the policy of general secretiveness to which some councils adhere.

Conditions of war also increase in very important respects the duties and responsibilities of local authorities—civil defence, evacuation, billeting, requisitioning and other activities unknown in times of peace are added to the already manifold tasks entrusted to the local authorities; and it is intolerable that in a democracy those who have elected their representatives should be denied full and detailed information (the national interest permitting) of how these and all other duties are being performed. Not many authorities arrange the performance of their duties with such admirable efficiency that no criticism of the result is heard. Secrecy adds weight to criticism and deprives it of much of its effectiveness. The national Parliament does not go into a hole in the corner to discuss the nation's affairs; and no local Parliament has a right to keep its deliberations private.

Corruption is not unknown among some local authorities. Neither is nepotism. Neither is extravagance. Nor incompetence. Nor high-handedness. Nor petty but vexatious bureaucracy. Secret meetings are fertile grounds for such weeds as these.

A Reform Proposed.

A Parliamentary Bill designed to prevent some abuses of the Act of 1908 received its second reading in 1930. The Government then in office went out of office, and the Bill automatically died. Later, we had the Act of 1933, which enables local authorities to keep secret those of their proceedings that they don't wish to be made public. In November, 1941, Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health, was asked in the House of Commons by Mr. R. Morgan whether he would consider introducing legislation to enlarge the obligation of local authorities to admit the press to committees when such committees consist of the whole number of members of the authority. Not much to ask of so-called democratic institutions. Mr. Brown was not agreeable to the proposal. His reply is illuminating. He said:

"I do not think that in general the standard of local administration is adversely affected by the existing provisions, and I do not contemplate the introduction of amending legislation on the lines suggested."

Mr. Brown said he did not think. He gave the House no assurance that the matter had been investigated. By qualifying his statement with the words "in general," he appeared to admit that in some instances the standard of local administration was adversely affected. And he did not attempt to deny that the procedure complained of is practised or to claim that it is exceptional. His reply increased misgivings; it didn't allay them.

In January last a deputation of the Institute of Journalists waited on Mr. Brown to seek his co-operation in removing or ameliorating the disabilities from which public and press alike are suffering because of the varying interpretation of existing legislation governing the admission of the press to meetings of local authorities. The deputation complained of the procedure outlined above as well as of other disabilities. Will Mr. Brown think again?

WHIST Scoring Cards.—The cheapest in the district at the "Advertiser" Printing Works, Church-hill, Ramsgate.

A GRATEFUL FRENCHMAN

HOW HE ARRIVED AT MARGATE

One of the last Frenchmen to leave Dunkirk on 3rd June, 1940, writes in a recent issue of "La France" an appreciation of the hospitality extended to him at Margate.

Describing the evacuation he wrote "All is destroyed. The evacuation of the troops is nearly completed. Bombs and shells are raining down. Protecting the evacuation, all the coastal batteries and warships have opened an infernal fire on the enemy. The embarkation of the seamen begins. My brother-in-law comes hurriedly to find me and takes me away towards the port in a powerful motor car. On the road I can only see debris and dead men. Everything is on fire. I embark very quickly on a trawler, the same as 550 seamen. Bombs surround us; impossible to leave. We are given lifebelts. Towards nine o'clock there is a shout and we leave All goes well. I fall into a sleep as heavy as lead."

Describing what happened when the ship hit a mine the writer continues: "Towards seven o'clock a terrible shock shakes the ship. I wake up suddenly from receiving a deluge of water. The water rushes into the cabin by the doors and port-holes noisily. I cannot stir. But miracles, the compressed air inside the ship throws me out of it. I fall again on the bridge. I get up, but a wave washes me into the sea. At this moment the boat sinks. When I open my eyes I am floating on the surface. The sea is heaving. With one hand I am clinging to the neck of a sailor. We are floating in groups. I am surrounded by dead bodies. I must avert my eyes. We are at the mercy of the waves for a good two hours. At last some ships appear. They remain at a distance as we are in a minefield. The boats arrive driven by oars. We are picked up. So I board the King George V, returning from Dunkirk.

"After long waiting we arrive at Margate. Ambulances take us to the hospital. There we have received all the care imaginable. With regret we have left Margate, where everyone was so good to us."

TACKLING "LULL-TIME" FIRES

The National Fire Service is engaged in surveying the whole country with the object of preparing in advance detailed plans for tackling "lull-time" fires—fires not caused by enemy action.

A card-index system is the basis of the scheme. Every actual fire "risk" in England and Wales is being recorded together with the types and numbers of pumps and other appliances that must be sent there as soon as the fire-call is received.

The control room at each fire force headquarters and at every division, sub-division and station will have its own record. There will be, also, a fixed minimum strength of appliances for attendance at any call, one of which will be an escape carrier.

The "minimum attendance" will be sent off immediately a call comes in, and the officer in charge will then look up his index and despatch the other appliances provided for there, unless he receives, in the meantime, reliable evidence that they will not be required.

LENT IN WAR-TIME

War-time conditions will doubtless necessitate considerable modifications in regard to some customary forms of Lenten observance. For one thing, Lord Woolton will certainly see to it that—whether we are strict churchmen or not—we shall "use" a fitting degree of abstinence from dietary luxuries! Moreover, in many places transport difficulties and the fact that so many of the clergy are now engaged in chaplaincy work may make it impossible to arrange the special services with sermons by visiting preachers which generally mark the season in most parishes.

Yet there is, of course, no reason why the difficulties of the time should prevent churchmen from making some effort to utilise these six weeks as an occasion for special endeavour to make themselves "fitter" members, spiritually and intellectually, of the Church to which they belong. Very few people are—even in war-time—quite so busy about really essential things as they like to imagine they are. Most of them, even if unable to do much in the way of week-day church-going, could very well manage to be a little more regular—and less easily deterred by "weather conditions"!—on Sundays.

RAMSGATE SAVINGS

National Savings in Ramsgate for the week ended 7th February amounted to £2,419 and was made up as follows: National Savings Certificates, £996; Defence Bonds, £110; 3 per cent. Savings Bonds, £125; Post Office Savings Bank deposits, £1,188.

"We must get back to the simple ideas of planning. We want to see our people in houses with gardens. These houses should be within easy reach of the people's work and of everything necessary for a full social life."—Mr. George Hicks, M.P.

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Take two 'ASPRO' tablets at once. The shivery, aching feeling will quickly vanish. Two more tablets with a hot drink on retiring will smash up the attack by the morning.

It is good news that the 'flu does not seem to be taking a serious form this year. It is even better news that by following the above hints 'flu can be avoided altogether or defeated at the first onset. The general symptoms this year seem to be sneezing, headache, sore throat and loss of energy. So be on your guard and keep a supply of 'ASPRO' tablets handy.

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Yours faithfully,
E. HOLLOWAY (Mrs.).

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If you knew the trouble I have had with the boys you would understand why I am so happy to have found a remedy, cheap and ALWAYS TO BE RELIED ON. The boys are now nearly nine years and five years respectively.
Wishing you every success,
I am, Yours sincerely,
E. MORGAN (Mrs.).

A MESSAGE FROM AUSTRALIA ABOUT COLDS AND SORE THROATS
Dry Gully, Omeo, Victoria, Australia.
Dear Sirs,
In July this year when the 'flu epidemic was raging I was in a Country Roads Board Camp and several of our men were down. I too felt very feverish and my throat was becoming very sore. Immediately I powdered 3 'ASPRO' tablets, placed them in warm water and gargled my throat. I then made a thermos of hot lemon, took 3 more 'ASPRO' tablets and went to bed. At 1.30 a.m. I woke feeling very much better; I repeated the dose of 3 'ASPRO' and hot lemon drink and slept soundly until 6 a.m. When I awoke I had neither temperature nor signs of a sore throat.
I also want you to know that not only myself and wife but our seven children (grown ups) are constant users of 'ASPRO' tablets whenever signs of a cold or 'flu appear and we find that taken with hot lemon drinks in the early stages they prevent further adverse developments.
Yours faithfully,
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WOMEN'S CHAT

NO POINTS NEEDED

It seems that human beings are not the only ones whose overcoats are rationed.

Sausages may soon have to go without theirs, but what does that matter to us?

Sausage meat is not just a poultry stuffing; you can make many a tasty and delicious dish with it, with very little trouble

Of course, if you must have sausages, it is but the work of a few minutes to roll the meat into shape, coat with crisped crumbs and grill in the usual way. If you are willing to be adventurous try these for lunch or supper.

Flat Pork Pie With Diced Potatoes.

1 lb. of sausage meat
1 teacupful of finely shredded cabbage
1 saltspoonful of powdered sage
2 ozs. lard, dripping or cooking fat
1 dessertspoonful of minced leek if possible
8 ozs. self-raising flour
Salt and pepper

Rub the fat into the flour, season, make a stiff dough with a little cold water. Roll out, divide in two, line a round sandwich tin with one half of the paste, thumbing well to round the edge to get a nice deep case.

Divide the sausage meat into two, form into flat round cakes, put one into the bottom of the pastry-lined tin, cover with the previously shredded cabbage, sprinkle with the sage and leek, put on the second round of sausage meat, and cover with a lid of paste. Bake in a brisk oven for 10 minutes, then turn down the heat and cook in a moderate oven for 25 more minutes.

Dice some cold potatoes, toss them in a well greased tin and bake them crisp in the oven with the pie. Mashed swedes go well with this pie.

Sausage Pudding.

½ lb. of sausage meat
Forcemeat balls
2 ozs. cooking fat
1 lb. of any mixed vegetables available
Thick brown gravy
2 tablespoonsful of grated raw potato

Make the forcemeat balls by mixing together 1 teacupful of soaked bread-scraps squeezed dry and beaten free from lumps, 1 teaspoonful of mixed herbs, 1 tablespoonful of finely chopped fat, and ½ teaspoonful of baking powder. Form into walnut sized balls.

Roll the sausage meat into balls well floured. Dice the vegetables. Make the crust with the flour, flaked fat and potato. Roll out and line a greased pudding basin with it. Fill with sausage and forcemeat balls and diced vegetables. Moisten well with gravy, cover with a lid of paste. Put a margarine paper over the top. Steam the pudding for 2 hours. Serve with a green vegetable.

Sausage Pyramids (for Breakfast).

½ lb. each of sausage meat, mashed potato and mashed carrot
½ teaspoonful of mixed herbs or powdered sage
½ teacupful of crisped breadcrumbs

Mix together all the ingredients but the crumbs. Form into small pyramids, coat well in crumbs and bake in a moderate oven for 25-30 minutes.

These can be made overnight and cooked while the family is dressing.

Simple Cod Dishes.

The two ways of cooking fresh-salted cod in the Lenten tradition both need milk. Household milk comes to the rescue.

Method One.

1 lb. fresh-salted cod which has been soaked for 48 hours
½ pint household milk
1 tablespoonful of margarine
A pinch of nutmeg. A good shake of white pepper
Slices of bread fried in a little margarine

When the cod has been soaked for the required time, skin it and cut it into small pieces. Bring it to the boil in a saucepan of fresh water and at once take it up. Remove any bones.

Throw away the water, put the skinned and boned fish back into the pan with the margarine that has been just oiled. Mash with a wooden spoon and gradually add the milk, stirring all the while over a very low heat. When all the milk has been added and the mixture is smooth and creamy, season with pepper and nutmeg and serve with the pieces of hot fried bread.

Second Method.

2 lbs. of fresh-salted cod
1 pint of household milk
1 bayleaf
3 or 4 peppercorns
1 tablespoonful of vinegar
1 tablespoonful of margarine
1½ tablespoonsful of flour
Chopped parsley according to taste

The fish must, of course, have been soaked for a full 48 hours. Skin it, cut it into portions, cover with water and bring to the boil. Throw away the water, cover with fresh and simmer it for 25 minutes with the bayleaf, vinegar and peppercorns.

Make the sauce with the milk, margarine, flour and parsley, season with pepper and a pinch of salt. Dish up the fish, well drain, and pour the sauce over it. Serve with plain boiled potatoes and steamed carrots.

WOMEN, LADIES—YOUNG THINGS?

At a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday Councillor S. W. Pearce enquired why the report of the Watch Committee did not refer to the appointment of two new police sergeants as announced in the local press.

Declaring that it was rather disconcerting to find such appointments were not reported to the Council, Councillor Pearce also pointed out that there was no reference in the report to the appointment of women to the force.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare): There are no women police. The ladies appointed are clerks. I don't know whether they are women. They are decidedly on the youthful side.

The Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove) explained that the question of promotions in the police force was entirely a matter for the Watch Committee.

BLACK MARKET

Lives of great men, all remind us
We can live a life of crime
And when dying leave behind us
Fortunes without doing time.
—"The Dragon."

A SAILOR'S WISH

Although he was never a member of the troop, E/R/A James Ashenden, R.N., an old boy of St. George's School, Ramsgate, writes in the East Cliff Scouts' News-Letter:

"I only wish this world had been run on a Scout basis instead of a system which makes it necessary every now and then to blast each other off the face of the earth. Still, whatever happens. I know that Right and Decency will prevail."

E/R/A Ashenden lost a brother serving on H.M.S. Kelly last year.

FOURTH MILITARY BALL

BIG SUCCESS AT RAMSGATE

Organised by the Mayoress of Ramsgate (Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe) and Mrs. D. Peeto (Mayor's secretary), the fourth military ball at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, last week, in aid of the Services Comforts Fund, proved a big success.

The ball was attended by 500 dancers, many wearing the uniforms of the three services, and the Comforts Fund will benefit to the extent of about £40.

Music was provided by Frederic Hargraves and his popular dance orchestra and a competition realised £4. Spot dance prizes were distributed by the Mayoress.

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) thanked those who had helped the cause by attending the dance and announced that a further military ball would probably be held at an early date.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Moyler.—5th February, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moyler (née Port), of Ramsgate, the gift of a most welcome son (Barry Albert), a brother for Brian.

MARRIAGES

Hall—White.—7th February, at the Parish Church, Tonbridge, 2nd-Lt. Ernest Hall, R.A., only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hall, of 7 East Cliff, Dover, to Kathleen Violet White, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. White, of Holly Lodge, Hadlow-road, Tonbridge (late of Ramsgate).

Lewis—Welch.—31st January, at St. John's Church, Margate, Tpr. Thomas Frederick Lewis, R.A.C., of Margate, to Ivy May Welch, of London.

DEATHS

Chapman.—5th February, at Ramsgate General Hospital, Thomas Walter Chapman, of Grassholme, London-road, Ramsgate, aged 76 years.

Harrhy.—8th February, at Westbury, Wilts, and late of Margate, Edwin Harrhy, aged 80 years.

Helm.—11th February, at Stafford, Kate Helm, formerly of St. Vincent, Luton-avenue, Broadstairs. Cremation strictly private by her especial request.

Hermitage.—1st February, at 25 Glencoe-road, Margate, Charlotte Hermitage, aged 89 years.

Marzetti.—8th February, at Maidstone, James Marzetti, of the Popular Hotel, Ramsgate, aged 64 years.

Payne.—10th February, at Maidstone, Charles Alfred Payne, of 5 Station-road, Margate, aged 58 years.

Sayer.—13th February, at 6 Salisbury-avenue, Ramsgate, Henry Sayer, aged 71 years.

Smith.—1st February, at 25 Alexandra-road, Margate, Walter James Smith, aged 76 years.

Smith.—7th February, at Ealing, Lucy Rebecca Smith, of Ystrad, 9 Queen Bertha-road, Ramsgate, aged 83 years.

Terry.—2nd February, at 45 Northampton-avenue, Slough, Bucks, Francis Charles Terry, late of Margate, aged 75 years.

IN MEMORIAM

Petts.—In loving memory of our dear Mum, Emily Petts, who passed away suddenly, 14th February, 1940.
Memory keeps her ever near,
The one we loved and still hold dear.
—From Emily, Bert and Kenneth.
Emberta, Nash-road, Margate.

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